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REQUEST EMBASSY CONVEY FOLLOWING TO DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC
COOPERATION SERVICE BOCHET:

1. U.S. APPRECIATES POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE RESPONSE
(REF A) TO FEBRUARY HUMAN RIGHTS DISCUSSIONS IN PARIS BY
STATE/TREASURY TEAM. WE UNDERSTAND QUAI VIEWS CONTAINED
IN PARA 2 OF REF A AND NOTE THAT AS STATE/TREASURY TEAM
SOUGHT TO MAKE CLEAR, U.S. HOPES THAT ITS ACTIONS AND
THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES WILL HELP BRING ABOUT IMPROVE-
MENTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS CONDITIONS. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER,
EXPECT UNIFORM DONOR APPROACHES TO EVERY PROBLEM CASE.

2. FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS IN PARA 3, WE HAVE INSTRUCTED
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USED AT WORLD BANK (FRIED) TO KEEP HIS FRENCH COLLEAGUE
INFORMED OF EVOLUTION OF U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES IN
THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS.

3. U.S. TEAM HAS FOUND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSULTATIONS SUCH AS
THOSE OF STATE/TREASURY TEAM VERY HELPFUL TO U.S. IN GAIN-
ING FULLER UNDERSTANDING AND BETTER APPRECIATION OF HUMAN

RIGHTS OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES OF OTHERS. WE WILL BE UNDERTAKING SIMILAR CONSULTATIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. YOU MAY INFORM BOCHET THAT WE HOPE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE ADB AND AFDF, IN VIENNA AND LIBREVILLE RESPECTIVELY, TO CONSULT WITH JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, NIGERIA, SENEGAL AND KENYA.

4. OUR AIM IN THESE CONSULTATIONS IS TO ARRIVE AT A BROAD UNDERSTANDING ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. WE WANT TO DEVELOP U.S. POLICIES WHICH WILL ADVANCE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS GOALS EFFECTIVELY AND IN WAYS THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WILL ENDORSE. CHRISTOPHER

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